

***Business Area # 1:
East Cambridge/Galleria***

Boundaries: bordered by Somerville, the Charles River, Binney Street, and the Conrail Railroad line

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: The Galleria, Restaurants and retail shops on First Street, restaurants and retail shops on Cambridge Street between #1 and #700, industrial and retail establishments on Bent, Binney, Hurley, and Thorndike Streets.



Cambridgeside Galleria

Larceny from buildings declined 17% in the Galleria / East Cambridge Business District in 2005. Over half of these thefts occurred at the Galleria Mall. Increased security at the Mall appears to have been a major factor in this decrease as the theft of employee's property from back room and behind counters was well below previous years totals. Thefts of wallets from health club lockers had been a constant problem in this business district; there was only one of these incidents reported here in 2005. • After recording a 39% increase in **larceny from the persons** during the first two quarters of the year, this crime leveled off with just one additional incident recorded in 2005. Ninety percent of this crime occurred at the Galleria Mall with the majority committed in the food court on weekdays between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. • Eight of the fifteen **commercial burglaries** in this district were forcible entries into restaurants on weekends. Four of the restaurant burglaries were part of a commercial burglary pattern that involved suspects punching holes in walls to gain access to the building, cutting phone lines and either peeling or removing the safe. • Eight of the ten **commercial robberies** were at the same gas station. There have been two arrests in this series of robberies. An additional arrest was made of a Medford man who was charged with robbing a bank on Cambridge Street in March. • A high percentage of the shoplifting at the Galleria Mall occurs on Fridays between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

CRIME	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Larceny from Building	102	88	75	104	86
Larceny from Person	54	37	48	44	45
Commercial Burglary	16	26	10	8	15
Commercial Robbery	4	8	4	8	10
Shoplifting	184	150	118	145	134
Fraud/Flim	81	98	76	78	58
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